

Testimony presented by Jeanette Zentgraf at the Feb 2, 2011 hearing concerning HB 161:

As a member of Concerned Women for America, a retired teacher and someone who is troubled by the increased violence in Montana, I ask you to repeal Montana's Medical Marijuana Law. Before the referendum there was so much propaganda pertaining to the dire need to alleviate people's pain, that the obvious flaw in our human character was not considered.

A flaw which our founding fathers understood, because it was well described in their Bibles. The flaw was and is greed for wealth and, or power, which thank God resulted in a 3 equal branch federal government and very significant state rights.

Unless the Medical Marijuana Law is repealed, we in MT will continue to be the victims of medical marijuana auto accidents and we will continue to witness the violence surrounding the sale of medical marijuana. We need the help that HB 161 will provide. Please support it.

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d in the gap in similar
es.
"I think it will be
ficult for surveyors to
termine what is right of
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y with this ruling,"
mpbell said. "And I
ink it will require an
orney to be involved to
sure it out."

City chief
administrative officer
rue Bender said city
fficials will have a
iscussion with the mayor
o determine whether to
peal the case.
"We haven't made a
ecision on that. Certainly,
ve will give it really strong
onsideration because not
only is the cost to the city
n this ruling significant,
out also, it sets a very large

precedent for other
situations like this,"
Bender said.

Third Street, for
instance, doesn't line up
perfectly in records either,
he said. Bender also said
the money would have to
come out of the budget
somehow, an unplanned
cost that typically would
come out of street
improvements.

In the lawsuit, plaintiffs
asked not only for lawyer
fees but for "sanctions" to
deter the city from "future
transgressions." The court
declined sanctions
because the city "did not
act in bad faith" and relied
on expert opinion, but the
court awarded attorney
fees.

Tom Orr, lawyer for the

plaintiffs, said the fees
over the course of six years
are approaching \$115,000,
"a lot of money and a big
hit for the city." That
amount doesn't include
compensation to property
owners, more than
originally estimated
because the court included
properties on both sides of
the street, he said.

"From our standpoint,
it was disturbing that the
city would take this land
without paying for it," Orr
said. "It's an expensive
lesson."

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than to describe it as "a
favorite local
establishment."

Missoula's Montana
Caregivers Network (now
also known as Cannabis
Care) became nationally
known for its traveling
"cannabis caravans" and
online clinics that signed up
hundreds of patients within
a few hours.

The state Board of
Medical Examiners ruled in
November that doctors
must make full patient
examinations before signing
up patients for green cards.
Board executive director
Jean Branscum said that
MCN founder Jason Christ
assured the board that his
business now uses face-to-
face visits for initial
recommendations and
teleconferences for follow-
up. A teleconference was
scheduled for Feb. 3.

Christ said Tuesday that
he couldn't comment on the
sentence without knowing
more about it.

But Tom Daubert, who
heads the Patient and
Families United Group that
successfully backed the
voters initiative that
legalized medical marijuana
in Montana in 2004, said
that the traveling clinics and
online recommendations
are "a gross disservice to all
those patients and to the
law itself."

The 2011 Legislature is
considering several bills to
rein in the use of medical
marijuana. The number of
registered patients in the
state grew threefold in 2010,
and Daubert - who works as
a lobbyist in Helena -
blames the traveling and
online clinics.

"It's in large measure
why tomorrow

(Wednesday) I'm going to be
facing a hearing to repeal
the law completely," he
said, "and why yesterday I
was in a hearing on a bill to
target chronic pain
patients."

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exchange to work for the
good of Montana, it can't
be run by the same
insurance industry that has
made so much money (on
health insurance)," said
Ernesto Casillas, who owns
a small Mexican restaurant
in Helena. "They will say

Some Republicans on
the committee also
questioned the cost of the
exchange, wondering how
it would be financed.

Hunter said federal law
requires that the exchanges
pay for themselves, rather
than costing the
government money.

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